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Navy Lakehurst to dedicate road to 9-11-01 victim

MEDIA arrive at front gate by 10:30 a.m.

LAKEHURST, NJ, July 27, 2006 - - **On Monday, July 31, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.**, officials at Navy Lakehurst will dedicate the road to the new Fire Rescue Station in memory of Jeffrey Walz. Mr. Walz was not only an Engineer here, but was also a New York City firefighter who lost his life at the World Trade Center on 9-11-01. The ceremony will be officiated by Captain L. Bret Gordon, Commanding Officer.

Jeff Walz was an Electrical Engineer in the Public Works Engineering Division here at Navy Lakehurst. As a member of that team, Jeff was instrumental in maintaining and advancing the infrastructure of Navy Lakehurst. Despite the promising and successful career in engineering, there was something that Jeff wanted even more. The call to be a New York City firefighter, just like his dad, could not be ignored. In 1992, the opportunity presented itself, and Jeff accepted the new challenge before him.

But Jeff's supervisors recognized the loss this would be to the Navy, and convinced Jeff to stay at Lakehurst as a part time employee. And so Jeff was to maintain two professional careers, serving the City and the Nation that he loved with Honor and Integrity.

Sadly it was in that service on 9-11-01, as he and his fellow firefighters were saving other's lives, that they lost there own.

MEDIA are invited to attend the road dedication and are requested to arrive at the Navy Lakehurst front gate not later than 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 31, 2006.

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